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SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE For:

RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS

WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 10, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ADD the following paragraphs at page 8, line 9 of the specification:

The simulation apparatus may be constructed such that the working means model information storage section stores information of one ore more tool models, which may be, for example, models of actual tools and/or a hand model which is a model of a hand of a worker as the information regarding the working means model.

Pre-existing coefficients or constants (referred to as "workability evaluation coefficients"), may be used, along with simulation output, to evaluate the workability of the working means model.